

**COLORADO RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY
FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT
NEW FEE OR FEE CHANGE
PROPOSAL FORM**

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Name of Project Area/Site: Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area

Project Contact Person: Linda Skinner

Position Title & Phone #: Outdoor Recreation Planner, 719-269-8732

Forest: _ County: Park County

Ranger District:_ Congressional District:_

BLM Field Office__Royal Gorge Field Office

Site Type (Cabin, Campground, Area, etc):_Day-Use Area

Capacity:_ Season of Use: _May 15 – September 30

Fee Type: Standard Amenity_☒_ Expanded Amenity___ Special Rec. Permit___

Proposed Action: New fee_☒_ Change of fee___

Existing Fee: \$

Proposed Fee: \$ 6.00 per vehicle

Date of last fee increase:_n/a

Summary of **benefits** the public receives or will receive:

- Reduced health and safety concerns with services and facilities provided
- Increased security with increased law enforcement presence
- Repair, maintenance and enhancement of recreation facilities
- Reduced resource damage from human impacts
- Visitor information and signs
- Continued BLM monitoring to address issues

Facilities/Amenities Checklist (check all that apply, list each site separately):

Site Name:_Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area

1. ☒_ Designated developed parking
2. ☒_ Permanent toilet facility: ___ Flush ☒_ Vault planned
3. ☒_ Permanent trash receptacle
4. ☒_ Interpretive sign, exhibit or kiosk
5. ☒_ Picnic tables planned
6. ☒_ Security services

Other Amenities: ☒_ Garbage Removal, ___ Paved Access Road, ___ Drinking Water,

___ Information/Directional signs, ___ Shower/Bath House, ___ Tent Pads,

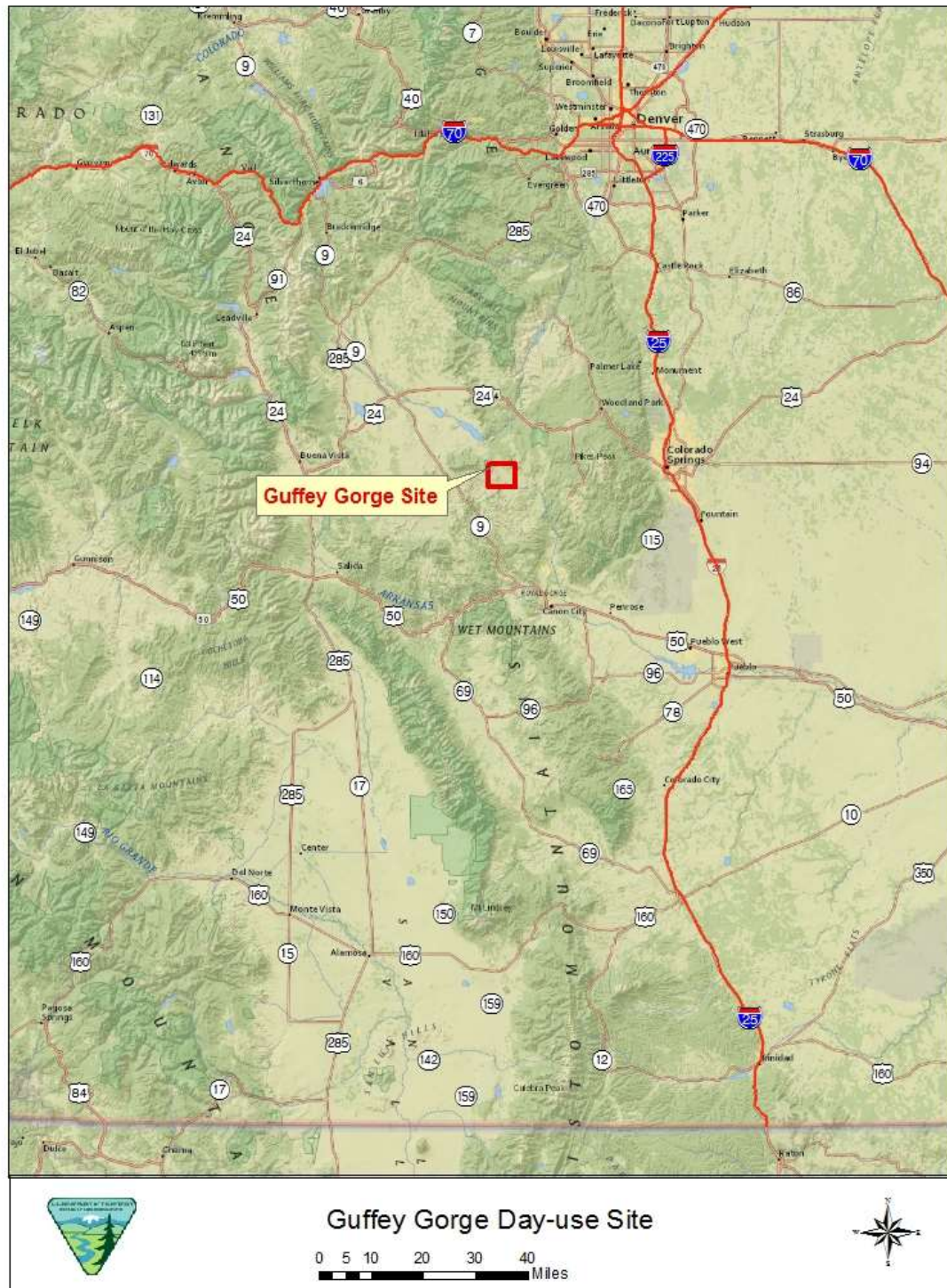
___ Electricity, ___ RV Hookups, ___ Fire Rings/Grills, ___ Other

Photo(s):





Map (HIRA's show boundaries and ID amenities):



The map below shows the area and Standard Amenity Day-Use Site. The facilities will be located in the area marked proposed N Parking lot in the map below.



Setting & General Description (include description of the site, natural resources/features, scenic values, recreational attractions, amenities, current/projected visitation, etc.):

Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area is an 80 acre parcel of land located within an hour drive of Colorado's Front Range. The day-use area is managed by BLM's Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO). Park County Road (CR) 102 provides legal access to the parking area. A short ten minute walk with three creek crossings and a trek over a steep hill drops the visitor into a secluded waterhole fed by Fourmile Creek. The swimming hole is less than one quarter of an acre and surrounded by rock walls.

An average of 17,000 visitors per summer considers Guffey Gorge a unique recreation opportunity in a relatively primitive natural environment. The general parcel sees a variety of dispersed recreation activities such as swimming, cliff jumping, bird watching, hiking, rock climbing and sight-seeing. The current recreation site is day use only and provides parking for fourteen vehicles, an informational kiosk, portable toilets, trash service and a primitive trail accessing the area. A second informal parking area has been formed with additional space for vehicles.

NRHP Eligibility (Cabins/Structures): ☐ Archeologist's concurrence: ☐Y ☐N

Comments: ☐n/a

2. CURRENT AND PROJECTED REVENUES and ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS

See Attachment A: Revenue/Cost projection spreadsheet.

3. COST OF BACKLOG WORK NEEDS:

Roads/Parking Areas:	\$ _
Building/Facilities:	\$ _
Water/Waste water Systems:	\$ _
Associated Trails:	\$ _
Signs:	\$ _
Other (list):	\$ _
Total:	\$ _

4. FEE COLLECTION METHOD AND ESTIMATED FEE COLLECTION COSTS

Method: Recreational Use Permit envelopes deposited on site

Costs: \$2816.00 for collection and administration time for accountant and fee collector

Note: No collection costs are incurred for sites under the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS).

5. FEE DETERMINATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Compareable Assessment (compare similar fees at other FS, state, federal, or private recreation sites in the area with similar facilities & services):

Facility type(s): Standard Amenity Day-use site

Number of facilities compared: 7

Proximity to project area: 3 sites are within 1 hour of project area, 6 within Colorado, 1 site in Utah

Price range: \$5 to \$10 per vehicle, some charge an individual fee between \$3 and \$5

Selected fee and method: \$6 per vehicle to be collected on site using an iron ranger fee tube. Visitors would place the fee in an envelope and deposit it in a fee collection tube. The fee would be effective seasonally between May 15 and September 30 annually

Comments:

6. PLANNED USE OF FEES RETURNED TO SITE (list by priority; include daily O&M if appropriate; add to list if appropriate)

1. Recreation and visitor services, safety and security through increased patrols by BLM law enforcement officers and Park Rangers
2. Cleaning and maintenance of toilets
3. Monitoring of impacts to resources
4. Trail improvements
5. Replacement and maintenance of existing signs and visitor information

7. CUSTOMER/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MECHANISM TYPES

- ☒ Site Monitoring
- ☒ Customer Survey Card
- ☐ Comment Log / Cabin Guest Book
- ☒ Newspaper Articles
- ☒ Website Listing
- ☒ E-mails
- ☐ Direct Mail
- ☒ Personal Contacts
- ☐ On-site Posting
- ☐ Other (list): _

See Appendix B in Business Plan: Summary of Public Involvement for details.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RESULTS

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9. ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

List and reference additional information (documents) that can be provided upon request to document this project proposal and the public response.

10. PROJECT SUBMITTAL & CERTIFICATION

Project Submittal:

This recreation site is already, or being submitted for inclusion as, a fee site under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). This proposal has been reviewed by representatives on the unit. I understand that any reservations must be made through the NRRS system. I also fully understand and agree to comply with the accounting and reporting requirements necessary to participate in the fee program.

Forest Supervisor/ BLM Field Manager

Date

Project Certification:

This recreation site is already, or is now forwarded as, a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is forwarded to the RRAC for their review under REA.

Recreation Fee Board Chair

Date

BLM Washington Office Review ____Y ____N

RRAC Project Recommendation:

This site and proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ recommended as a fee site.

This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ recommended to the Secretary for acceptance under REA.

Colorado Recreation RAC Chair

Date

Project Acceptance:

This site and proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ accepted as, a fee site.

This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ accepted by the Secretary under REA.

Regional Forester/BLM State Director

Date